

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1993 AT 6:00 P.M.  
IN H-769, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Interim chairperson, Kimberly Jensen, called this meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

L. Grimes stated that K. Jensen's participation as a director would make quorum and suggested that Stanley Yee chair this meeting.

**MOTION TO NOMINATE S. YEE AS CHAIRPERSON OF THIS MEETING**

Moved by: L. Grimes  
Seconded by: K. Blackburn

**VOTE ON MOTION TO NOMINATE S. YEE  
AS CHAIRPERSON OF THIS MEETING**

**5/0/6 CARRIED**

S. Yee introduced himself to the Board.

A vote did not ensue for K. Jensen's nomination.

**MOTION TO NOMINATE F. KHADER AS SECRETARY OF THIS MEETING**

Moved by: L. Grimes  
Seconded by: P. Dalton

**VOTE ON MOTION TO NOMINATE F. KHADER  
AS SECRETARY OF THIS MEETING**

**UNANIMOUS**

• **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

**CO-PRESIDENTS**

Philip Dalton  
Lana Grimes

**COMMERCE**

Marc Fares

**FINE ARTS**

Kimberly Jensen (left at 6:50 p.m.)

**ARTS AND SCIENCE**

Pascale Batchoun (left at 7:18 p.m.)  
Ken Blackburn (left at 7:30 p.m.)  
Alastair Deri-Power  
Alamgir Khan  
Ken McMurray  
Genevieve Grenier (6:45 p.m.)  
Cheryl Budman (6:55 p.m.)  
Shafik Mina (6:50 p.m.)

**ENGINEERING**

Mohamed Raza Jivraj  
Len Podgurny

**ABSENT**

**Arts and Science:**

Maha Asfour (w/r), Laurie Nicholson, Tony Nicolas (w/r), Stacy Schacter  
(w/r), Christine Vieira

**Commerce and Administration:**

Kristina Bolh, Emmanuel Kamukama, Bobby Lunny, Paul O'Connor (w/r),  
Kassan Rahhal (w/r)

**Engineering:**

Walid Sebali

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the Special Meeting be approved.**

Moved by: L. Grimes

Seconded by: A. Deri-Power

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 144th meeting held on July 23rd, 1993 be approved.**

**MOTION TO TABLE THE MINUTES UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING**

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Moved by: P. Dalton  
Seconded by: A. Deri-Power

**VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE THE MINUTES  
UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING**

**UNANIMOUS**

**4.0 CHAIR'S REMARKS**

S. Yee had no remarks forthcoming.

**5.0 CO-PRESIDENTS' REPORTS**

L. Grimes stated that with regards to the CASA agreement that the Board approved, the documents were forwarded to the executive of CASA, which is awaiting a review of these from their lawyer. She added that the funds forthcoming from CASA, the \$13, 000, will help cover the cost of Orientation.

L. Grimes stated that with regards to the audit update, she met with John D'Aquila, the account manager of the Toronto Dominion Bank and added that she picked up one-third of the outstanding missing cheques and bank statements. She added that the bank is working on a figure of 1, 500 missing items which appears to be too much. Lana stated that she informed G. Tagliamonti of this issue, who will look into it. Lana concluded by saying that the Toronto Dominion Bank informed her that by next Tuesday, they will have retrieved another one-third cheques and that by the week later the remaining third will be retrieved, since they can only do three to four hundred entries at a time.

L. Grimes stated that John Murray from Access Concordia is present tonight, who is representing a group of students working on mobilizing and lobbying the university into making Concordia more accessible for disabled students. She added that in their structure, this group delegates a chairperson who will organize this committee and shall be selected from the Board of Directors of CUSA.

J. Murray stated that the mandate of access Concordia would be to lobby and pressure the university to adapt its buildings and other facilities to facilitate the needs of the physically disabled. He added that the group has met with some success during the schoolyear in having the Hall building doors modified to allow access for people in wheelchairs. John stated that he would like for CUSA to take part in this project to ensure continuity within future administrations.

John stated that he has an outline of the constitution which he is asking for the Board's approval. He added that there is an Access McGill as well and stated that there were only two students working on the project last semester.

L. Grimes suggested that at the second upcoming Board meeting, a motion be brought forth to the Board to have a representative who is genuinely interested in this project, take it upon himself to meet with John and begin from there with this project.

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J. Murray stated that it won't entail a lot of work from the individual appointed from the Board and added that he is merely seeking the approval of the Board on this issue. He added that Q-PIRG has approached him to assist and that he would like an inter-university network set up as well.

L. Grimes stated that negotiations with the Coop are continuing and added that they came back to CUSA after having seen drafts of the contracts. She added that it was impossible for financial reasons for the Coop to open both computer labs in September in exchange for the store. Lana stated that the Coop is also hesitant in attempting to break the bookstore's monopoly. P. Dalton stated that the Coop was reluctant to give up 2% of the net profits from the store and added that an alternate deal was reached. L. Grimes stated that the deal entailed getting both computer labs operational for September and having CUSA set them up itself. She added that in exchange the Coop would obtain the store space, which would cost them \$700.00 a month for the next five years, payable in installments, the first one in September followed by one two and a half weeks later. Lana stated that the Coop cannot pay CUSA in cash but can make the payments in stock, \$19,000 worth of stock and \$2,000 worth of technical expertise to set up the computer labs.

P. Dalton stated that in September CUSA will have \$19,000 to allocate on PC's and Macintoshes, in addition to the software. He added that the lawyer is tightening up the contract clauses. L. Grimes added that the Coop is obtaining one page of free advertising in the handbook in addition to being included in the orientation mailout, in exchange for services of maintaining the computers.

L. Grimes stated that with regards to the interim CUSAcop Board of Directors, by-laws are being drafted and will be presented to the Board at the next meeting for feedback.

L. Grimes stated that with regards to the CUSA Centre Inc., construction will commence in mid-September and added that the permits have been received and tenders have gone out. She added that the opening date is still scheduled for January and that CUSA will be moving with the university into negotiations concerning its lease for the space downstairs.

L. Grimes stated that full operational hours will commence in September for the CUSA offices for both the Loyola and S.G.W. Campus. She added that with the Board's approval, it is desired to have CUSA opened on Saturdays and that new receptionists need to be hired. Lana stated that four unionized members who expressed interest in working as receptionists were interviewed by a woman from the lawyer's office who was completely unbiased, since this is a sensitive issue and to ensure that no insinuations arise. She concluded by saying that advertising to the general student population has gone out and added that the deadline to apply is August 25th. Lana urged the Board to solicit any potential good applicants that they may have in mind.

L. Grimes stated that the office is being painted and cleaned up.

L. Grimes stated that representatives from clubs have been approaching the Co-Presidents with receipts for expenses that were incurred over the past year for events that were held, with the intent of being reimbursed for these expenses. She added that when the receipts are for expenses that were incurred prior to January, the time that the bank accounts were thawed, that they should be reimbursed. Lana stated that receipts forwarded to the Co-Presidents with expenses incurred after January creates a problem and it is an issue the Board has to resolve with regards to reimbursement.

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P. Dalton suggested that an option is to reimburse the individuals but to deduct these amounts from this year's budget. He added that all clubs received notification through a memo that their budgets were being frozen in January.

G. Grenier stated all clubs were aware of the association's situation and added that the association is still cash-strapped. She suggested that the amounts in question be deducted from the upcoming budgets.

P. Batchoun stated that any expenses incurred prior to January should be reimbursed and that any amounts incurred after January should be the club's responsibility.

**Motion:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT club expenses made by executive members of clubs personally prior to the date on the memo circulated to the clubs, those expenses be reimbursed, and;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any expenses incurred after the date on the memo circulated to the clubs be negotiated internally within the club, and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the club so decides, the individual may be reimbursed pending approval from this year's budget discussions at Fin. Com. whereby it will be determined between the new executive, the old executive and the Finance Committee whether or not those reimbursements go forward and will be deducted from the upcoming group budgets.**

Moved by: L. Grimes

Seconded by: G. Grenier

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

L. Grimes stated that a company approached the association to physically renovate the basement of the Campus Centre to accommodate an entertainment centre including video games and pool tables. She added that the renovations would do well to that area of the Campus Centre and CUSA stands to gain \$35/per square feet per month in revenue, which amounts to 40% of the profits of the video games. Lana stated that the company is named Vendtech and added that they are financially in a good position, based in Calgary and do a lot of work for western universities, malls and are trying to break into the eastern market.

L. Grimes stated that Vendtech is quoting a figure of \$25, 000 or whatever it takes to renovate the space. P. Dalton stated that what they want in return is for the first three years, to take approximately 35% of the profits of the video games and in the fourth and fifth year the association would split the profits fifty-fifty with Vendtech. He added that a higher volume of sales is expected with the renovations but that if the association agrees to this proposal it will be faced with a ten year contract.

G. Grenier asked to know who would upkeep the space. L. Grimes replied that Vendtech will do all the upkeep and will hire a student to work at the site.

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L. Grimes stated that if the renovations are undertaken they would be irreversible and added that if the association intends on committing itself to this proposal it is faced with dedicating this space for ten years to this sort of operation, which will limit the versatility of the space. She added that there is no agreement yet.

M. Fares asked to know if this company has undertaken any projects within the area. L. Grimes replied that they haven't but that she did call several universities out west where Vendtech has undertaken to do work for them and added that all have been satisfied with their services.

M. Fares asked to know if the association is allowed to undertake renovations in the building on its own. L. Grimes replied that the Co-Presidents are meeting with Dean Counihan next week about the Campus Centre and this issue.

L. Podgurny stated that this is a great idea and suggested that more information be obtained with respect to this proposal. L. Grimes suggested that she invite the representative from Vendtech to attend the second upcoming meeting of the Board to provide the Board with more details.

A. Deri-Power suggested that further specifics be forthcoming for the meeting scheduled for next Friday, in order for the Board to ascertain whether Vendtech should be invited to attend the following meeting. L. Grimes replied that she will ask Vendtech to forward her a package with specifics for the next meeting.

L. Grimes stated that tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. there is a meeting of an Anti-racist group. She added that in early September in Sherbrooke there is an annual uprising of extreme right wing groups in Canada.

M. Soso stated that the t-shirts arrived this week and will be selling for \$10.00. She passed them around for the Board to take a look.

M. Soso stated that she is looking into putting together a package deal for students to have access to all orientation events and obtain a t-shirt all for the price of \$40.00.

M. Soso stated that a mailout is in the process for this weekend. She added that tickets will be given out for a concert to be held on September 8th and added that students have to redeem the ticket at CUSA and a draw will follow the first day of classes, as an incentive for students to find out where CUSA is.

M. Soso stated that volunteers are still sought for putting the entire show together since it will be high caliber. She added that head facilitators and assistants are also sought to assist first-year students.

L. Grimes stated that the prices that were originally budgeted for the bands are lower than those originally projected for.

#### **6.0 Agreements with the Link/Concordian/Q-PIRG**

L. Grimes stated that a letter has been forwarded to the chairman of the executive committee of the Board of Governors requesting that the student newspapers and Q-PIRG have their own internal accounts. She added that

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CUSA and Q-PIRG have no other relationship other than this money transfer. Lana stated that with regards to the Link and the Concordian the contracts are all but completed and yet to be signed. She added that before they are forwarded to the Board they should be given to the Link and the Concordian in order to provide them with the opportunity to make any changes they may wish to do so.

**7.0 Creation of Appointments Panels**

**7.1 Arts & Science**

**Motion 607**

**WHEREAS** it is the exclusive jurisdiction of ECA and CASA to make appointments to the student seats on their respective Faculty Councils and Senate,

**WHEREAS** it would therefore be inappropriate for their members to participate in the appointments of Arts & Science students to faculty Council and Senate,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** an appointments panel be created, made up of primarily Arts & Science students, in order to select students to fill the available seats on Arts & Science Faculty Council & Senate, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the makeup of this committee shall be:

one (1) Co-President

the vice-president academic

one (1) member of the Board of Directors (representing Arts & Science)

one (1) member of the general student population (representing Arts & Science), and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the mandate of this committee will include not only the interviewing of applicants and the promotion of the available seats but also the dissemination of information to students in Arts & Science regarding the Council & Senate over the course of the school year.

Moved by: P. Dalton

Seconded by: L. Grimes

M. Giles stated that the deadline for all applications is August 27th and added that she will be reasonably flexible with this deadline and will be accommodating students until September 3rd.

M. Giles stated that with the introduction of this motion she hopes that there will be some continuity with this system in the future. She suggested that the slot for the director be filled at this time.

**MOTION TO NOMINATE A. DERI-POWER**

Moved by: P. Dalton  
Seconded by; L. Podgurny

**VOTE ON MOTION TO NOMINATE A. DERI-POWER**

**UNANIMOUS**

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

**7.2 Fine Arts**

**Motion 608**

**WHEREAS** it is the exclusive jurisdiction of ECA and CASA to make appointments to the student seats on their respective Faculty Councils and Senate,

**WHEREAS** it would therefore be inappropriate for their members to participate in the appointments of Fine Arts students to faculty Council and Senate,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** an appointment panel be created, made up of primarily Fine Arts students, in order to select students to fill the available Fine Arts seats on Faculty of Fine Arts Council & Senate, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the makeup of this committee shall be:

- one (1) Co-President
- the Vice-President academic
- the chairman of FASA (Fine Arts Student Alliance)
- one (1) member of the Board of Directors (representing Fine Arts)
- OR**
- one (1) member of the general student population (representing Fine Arts), and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the mandate of this committee will include not only the interviewing of applicants and the promotion of the available seats but also the dissemination of information to the students of the Faculty of Fine Arts regarding the Council & Senate over the course of the school year.

Moved by: L. Grimes  
Seconded by: P. Dalton

M. Giles stated that C. Kuilman is the chairman of FASA. She suggested that a member of the Board, representing Fine Arts be appointed or one member from the general student population. Marika stated that the Board could choose to mandate her to recruit a student.

A. Deri-Power stated that K. Jensen is not present tonight and suggested postponing this appointment until she

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could be consulted with regards to this issue. K. McMurray stated that he spoke with K. Jensen about this issue, who expressed a willingness to sit on this committee. He added that K. Jensen did sit on Faculty Council last year and has experience in this area.

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

L. Grimes stated that the handbook has gone to the printers and that the blueprints will be back by the end of next week. She added that she read through the handbook six times and that it is essentially a resource book and an agenda.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved by: A. Deri-Power  
Seconded by: G. Grenier

**VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**UNANIMOUS**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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S. Yee, Interim Chairperson

  
F. Khader, Interim Secretary